

**To:** Durno, Mark[durno.mark@epa.gov]  
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**Subject:** What Jeff Kelley Put in Writing Today

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Mark,

Per our conversation today (we should discuss further as this can be interpreted as not completely accurate and/or misleading to 3rd parties):

**From:** "Kelley, Jeff" <[kelley.jeff@epa.gov](mailto:kelley.jeff@epa.gov)>

**6. Speaking of Smith, you predictably tried to discredit him instead of actually providing any concrete evidence his testing is inaccurate. I have seen what Marc Edwards—an EPA-funded investigator—has said about Smith's testing--it doesn't pass the smell test. What is the specific points you have that prove Smith's Flint investigations are not valid? Considering your officials told me in August water was not an issue in East Chicago, the logic that independent testing is not comparable to the EPA's testing doesn't carry weight.**

EPA uses approved scientific methods to measure contaminants. EPA and other entities have developed water testing methods which have undergone rigorous scientific peer-reviews and public comment before they were approved. Water Defense collected some samples via methods that have not undergone scientific review, and which cannot be compared to any current health-based or regulatory standard. EPA and Mr. Smith have discussed this topic on a number of occasions.